

# Rory Stott - Urban Think Tank Takes On Housing In South Africa's Township



“Prototype 1.2”, the first house built using the ideas developed by the collaboration. Image Courtesy of ETH Zurich

*archdaily.com*. March 20, 2014. Despite 20 years of government promises to improve the quality of housing following the end of apartheid, for many in South Africa's townships there has been little noticeable change. This is not to say that the South African government has not been working to meet these goals; however, the scale of the problem is so large, and with population growth and migration, the challenge is only getting greater.

That's why Urban Think Tank, in collaboration with ETH Zurich and South African NGO Ikhayalami, have worked together on a design for a more immediate, incremental solution called “*Empower Shack*.”

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